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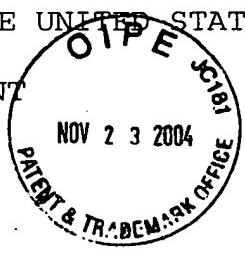
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT

: Jackowski et al.

INVENTION

: Biopolymer Marker Indicative Of  
Disease State Having A Molecular  
Weight Of 1077 Daltons



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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF March 02, 2004

Sir:

In response to the telephonic interview conducted on October 21, 2004 and the Office Action dated March 02, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 02, 2004, extended 3 months to September 04, 2004, for which a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 and the appropriate fees are filed herewith, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 6 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.**